(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHRA RAJE): (a) and (b) Government have taken a number of policy measures to safeguard and protect the interests of the Small Scale Industries (SSIs). Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in SSI Sector upto 24% only is allowed through the automatic route. Government have also announced a comprehensive policy package on 30th August, 2000 to strengthen the small industries sector and enhance its competitiveness both domestically and globally. The package provides for inter-alia easier access to credit, availability of collateral free composite loan up to Rs. 25.00 lakhs, marketing support, capital subsidy for technological upgradation and improved infrastructure.

Legislation for SSIs

1021. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to enact single comprehensive legislation for the rationalization of the existing laws and procedures relating to Small Scale Industries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the CII has suggested any measures in this regard; and

(e) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (e) Government have received the draft of a Small Enterprises Development Bill from Administrative Staff college of India (ASCI), Hyderabad. The draft seeks to address concerns of the small scale industries (SSI) sector related to credit, marketing, trade protection, labour related inspections etc. The draft bill as attempted by ASCI, Hyderabad has been presented in the 47th meeting of the SSI Board held on 4th July, 2002 for feed back from SSI Board Members including CII.